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(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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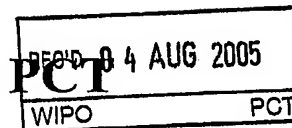
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

☒ a sequence listing

☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

☒ in written format

☒ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

☒ contained in international application as filed.

☒ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 2, 4, 12-25, 28-31 YES

Claims 1, 3, 5-11, 26-27, 32-33 NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims 2, 4, 12-25, 28-29 YES

Claims 1, 3, 5-11, 26-27, 30-33 NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-33 YES

Claims NONE NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1, 3, 5-11, 26-27, 32-33 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Mak et al (US Patent 6,468,528, issued 10/22/02).

The claims are summarized as a method of treating Hodgkin's lymphoma with an anti-IL-13 antibody that binds glycosylated as well as nonglycosylated IL-13 and neutralizes human IL-13 at a ratio of 1:2 wherein the antibody is a single-chain antibody, administered systemically, and a carrier and a method of diagnosing.

Mak et al teach an anti-IL-13 antibody that binds the polypeptide IL-13 and neutralizes the activity of IL-13 (see column 4) and the antibody can be single-chain, or a whole antibody (which would bind at 1:2 (one antibody and 2 IL-2 for the antibody is bivalent)) and the antibody treats Hodgkin's lymphoma (see column 5-6) and the antibody is in a carrier and can be administered intravenously (see column 7). Since the antibody binds the peptide it would bind glycosylated as well as non-glycosylated IL-13.

Claims 1, 3, 5-11, 26-27, 30-33 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Mak et al (above) in view of Thorpe et al (US Patent 6,156,321, issues 12/00).

Claims 30-31 recite a conjugate to the antibody.

Mak et al has been described supra. Mak et al does not teach conjugates of the antibody for treatment. This deficiency is made up for in the teachings of Thorpe et al.

Thorpe et al teach conjugates of toxins and cytotoxic moieties to antibodies for treatment of cancers.

It would have been obvious to conjugate the antibody of Mak et al with a toxin as taught by Thorpe for treatment of cancer.

One would have been motivated because Mak et al teach the antibody targets tumor cells and it would have been obvious to conjugate the antibody to a toxin as taught by Thorpe et al to kill the tumor cells.